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DX News

NCDXF DXcellence Award Winner

For the 50th anniversary of the Northern California DX Foundation in 2021, NCDXF announced the creation of an award – ***The DXcellence Award***. To be awarded to the outstanding DXpedition of the last twelve months, which received funding from NCDXF. The award is intended to recognize excellence in a DXpedition, exemplified by practices, ethics, management, new technology, transparency, youth involvement and impact upon the DXing community, and lastly, exhibited FUN!

The winner of the award is determined by the NCDXF Board of Directors at their annual meeting. The board considers several factors, including performance, complexity of the DXpedition, impact on Club Log most wanted ranking.

This year, the fifth anniversary of the award, NCDXF is proud to award two DXcellence Awards.

1. The **KP5/NP3VI** Desecheo DXpedition for it's 100% solar powered, 100% remote operation, proving that a new technology can provide a huge impact to DXing with almost no environmental impact.
 2. The **PJ6Y** Youth DXpedition to Saba Island for the outstanding performance of a well-organized DXpedition that emphasized youth participation and remote radio technology.
- The NCDXF looks forward to other DXpeditions this year that will qualify for the next award in 2027. We are hopeful that many DXpeditions will be funded by NCDXF and qualify for this award.



Z66SP Kosovo -update

Since early April, intensive preparations have been underway for our trip to Kosovo. One of the steps was setting up three antennas that we planned as the main ones. The antennas have been assembled, adjusted and tested. There is also a dish for QO-100. The antennas are ready to go. We set up each antenna for testing. We reviewed the assembly instructions, verified that all components were present, and most importantly, connect the antennas to the radio to check for proper operation. The SWR measurement results are positive, and the resonances are on the band, so we believe this part of the equipment is ready and is currently in storage awaiting packing.

AU2M Arnala Island AS-169

The equipment from Agatti Island (after AU7RS DXpedition) arrived in Hyderabad via Kozhikode a few days ago. Unfortunately, upon unpacking, we discovered that one large bag is missing. This bag contained a significant amount of our critical infrastructure, including our RG217, RG213, LMR400, RG58, RG6, and RG214 cables, as well as our receiving loop antennas and the Spiderbeam wire antenna. This loss is substantial, as many of these cables were procured specifically for our operations over the last two years. <https://www.dx-world.net/au2m-arnala-island-as-169/>

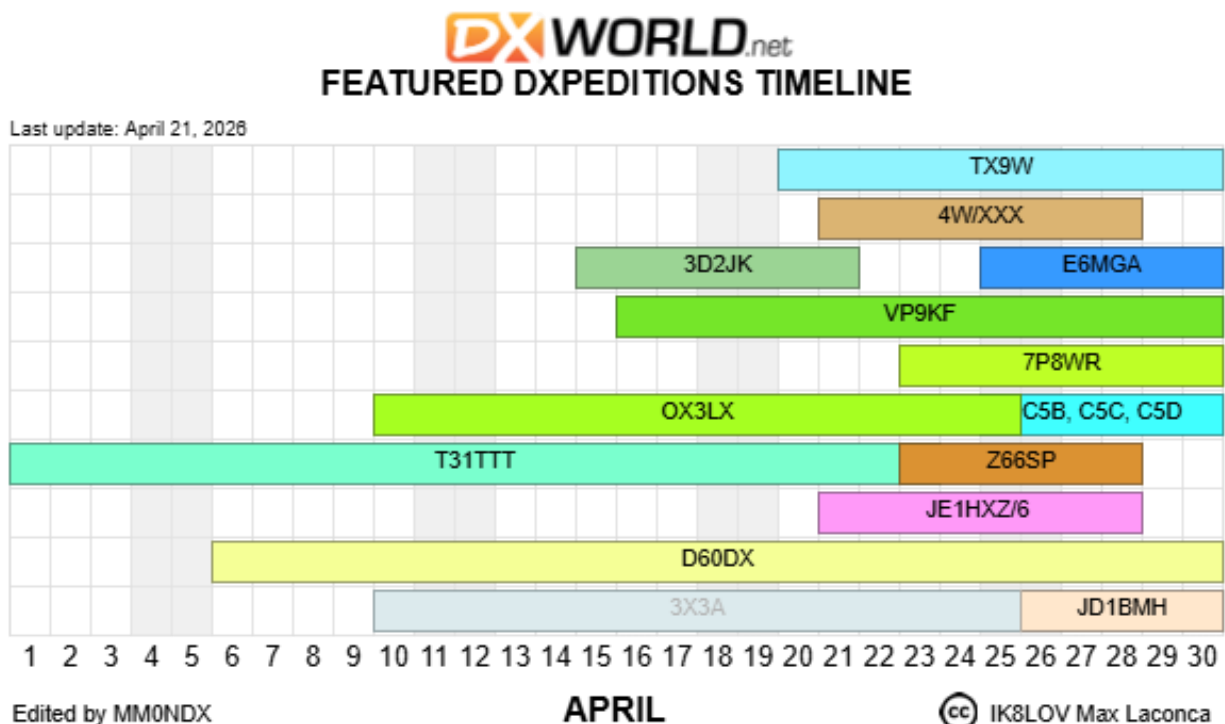
TX9W Marquesas Islands -update April 22

Team attempted 160 yesterday evening (local). Total of 3 QSOs. They are being heard, but receiving poorly. The flag receive antenna is ineffective. The vertical has a lot of noise on receive. Dave WD5COV doesn't think there is enough room to lay out the BOG receive antenna. They may try one more night on 160, then switch over to 80 meters. It's a difficult QTH, on a mountainside in an old volcanic caldera on the south side of the island with mountains to the north. There are no good QTHs in the Marquesas. The plan is to install the 6 meter antenna today.

3D2JK Lakeba Island OC-095 -now QRT by SP5APW

The Lakeba adventure is over. During almost full days of activity I managed to log 3300 QSOs with 86 DXCC. Bands conditions were challenging. While the number of QSOs increased quite rapidly over the first two days, the last two were a struggle for every new station in the log. Last night, during four hours of SSB "operation" on 20m, I logged only eight callsigns. Well, there's no effective cure for propagation, or rather the lack thereof. Many thanks to everyone who confirmed the validity of this trip with their QSOs. Most of the equipment, including the BuddiHEX, is already packed and ready for tomorrow's flight. Currently, I'm using the last few hours of my stay on OC-095 by logging JA hams calling me on 50Mhz.

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Suvarna, VU3OPT is operating as 3B9G until May 20. Operation from 20 to 10 metres from grid MH10qh. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

4W, TIMOR-LESTE George 4W/EA2TA, Christian 4W/EA3NT and Simon 4W/IZ7ATN are operating until April 28. QRV from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IZ7ATN for all calls, LoTW.

5Z, KENYA Paul MM0ZBH is active from Murang'a in 'holiday-style' until June 15. Operation so far on 10 metre FT8 and 20 metre CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

7P, LESOTHO Paolo IZ0EVI, Diego IZ0EWJ and Luca IZ6DSQ will be operating as 7P8WR from April 23 until May 1. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via IZ0AWJ. <https://www.mdxc.support/7p8wr/>

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is again operating as 8R1TM from Georgetown until May 10. QRV on all bands and 6 metre using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Luc F5RAV will be active as C5B, C5C and C5D between April 25 and May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

D6, COMOROS Ivan, UR9IDX is operating as D60DX until begin May. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via his CT9 adress.

E6, NIUE Murray, ZL1MGA will be active as E6MGA from April 25 until May 1. Activity on 40, 20 and possible 15 metre using SSB and FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZL1MGA?aliasFrom=E6MGA>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) is active as TX9W until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

On the scene...TX9W Marquesas Islands



FY, FRENCH GUIANA Ronan, F4LJA is active as FY/call until June 5. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/F4LJA>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/JD1 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be operating as JD1BMH from April 26 until May 4. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY.

JT, MONGOLIA Vladimir R9LR and Denis R8LCM will be QRV as JT0LR from rare grids NN49, NN48, NN58 and perhaps NN59. Activity between April 25 and April 30 on various bands using CW, SSB and digi. Satellite QO-100 also. QSL via R9LR.

JW, SVALBARD Geir LB4VE, Stein LA8JKA, Nils LA7HNA, Andreas LA7IPA and Frank LB0NJ are QRV as JW5E until April 24. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via OQRS Club Log.

PJ4, BONAIRE TJ, PE1OJR is active in 'holiday-style' as PJ4TB until May 4. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

T31, KANTON ISL Look for T31TTT, see full details <https://www.dx-world.net/t31ttt-kanton-island/>

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

V4, ST KITTS Pete, G0TLE is active as V47EEM until May 1. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS, LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Mark, VK6BSA and Deena, VK6DEE are now based on Cocos (Keeling) Islands for a work assignment until May, possibly longer. During free time they will QRV as VK9BSA and VK9DEE on most bands using a FTDX-10 & amplifier.

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, G4BKI is operating as VP9KF until April 30 from Baileys Bay. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW. More on www.vp9kf.com

Z6, KOSOVO Z66SP is going to be a Polish DXpedition to Kosovo during April 23-28. QTH: Grashtice, near Pristina, Republic of Kosovo. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via SP2ZIE. <https://z66sp.spdxc.org/>

On the scene...4W/EA3NT, EA2TA, IZ7ATN Timor-Leste



Coming up soon

E5, COOK ISL Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE will once again be operating as E51TLM during May 4-9. Working conditions: IC-705 running 5 Watts to a horizontal 10 Meter end-fed half-wave wire antenna at 16 feet high just above sea level. SSB at 28.385 MHz, QRSS CW at 28.060 MHz. Look for them approx 1900 to 0100 UTC. While there they will visit Jim, E51JD.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Didier, F6BCW will once again be active from Tikehau Atoll, Tuamotu as FO/F6BCW from early May to mid-July. QRV on 80-6m; CW, SSB. QSL via LoTW

IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-051 Roume Isl Elvira IV3FSG is active as 3X3A until April 25. Operation from 80 to 10 metres (and 6m) using CW, SSB and FT2/4/8. The DXpedition is self-funded: any support is greatly appreciated. Click here to support the DXpedition: www.iv3fsg.it

ASIA

AS-049 Kuchino Isl Mitsuru JE1HXZ is operating as call/6 until April 28. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. See QRZ.com for more.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-134 Aasiaat Isl Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again active as OX3LX until April 25. Operation during his spare time from grid GP38NQ. QSL via OZ0J.

Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-169 Arnala Isl The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (cancelled last year) has been rescheduled for May 1-3. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

EUROPE

EU-120 Isle of Wight A Belgian team (ON1BN, ON4AML, ON5SEL, ON6EF, ON6VJ, ON7TA, ON7VM and ON9DJ) will be active as GB9IOW from April 28 until May 5. QRV on HF and 6 metres using SSB, CW and digital modes, also on QO-100 and 23 cm moon- bounce. QSL via ON6EF. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

J3, GRENADA Graham MM8IJU and Eric GM5RDX will once again be active as J38DX and as J38LD. QRV from September 1 until September 12 from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW.



THE REMINDERS

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

3Y0, PETER 1 ISL The 3Y0L Dxpediton is scheduled for February 2027. A team with 19 operators

will spend approximately 20 days in the vicinity of the island. <https://3y0l.com/#Peter-I-DXpedition>
4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow.
[Youth Contest Team](#)

5H, TANZANIA Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be operating as 5H1KB between June 3 and June 12. Focus on 6 metres during his trip. QSL via home call and LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK8O will once again be operating as 5H3DX between June 8 and July 2. Operation from 30 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via NK8O, LoTW or OQRS.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.'* Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

9Q, D.R. of CONGO The Mediterranean DX Club will be active as 9T0MD between September 30 and October 11. The 9T prefix has never been used before. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Also on QO-100 and EME. <https://www.mdxc.support/9t0md/>

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

QSL preview



A3, TONGA Takio, JH3QFL will be operating from Nuku'alofa as A31AA between May 13 and May 22. QRV from 80 to 6 metres using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech Dxpediton group will be QRV as C8K between November 10 and November 19. Active from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi with several stations. Satellite QO-100 also. Club Log livestream, QSL via OQRS or via OK6DJ. <https://www.cdxc.cz/>

C6, BAHAMAS Eric, K9GY will be operating as C6AYM between August 5-10. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW. An entry in the WAE CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ Felipe, XQ7IR will be operating as 3G0Z for about 3 weeks in May. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M0URX OQRS. <https://www.robinsoncrusoe2026.net/>

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE between July 22 and August 14 for E51KEE (CW, SSB) and E51CZZ (SSB) between July 26 and

August 6. QRV from Rarotonga. QSL via IK2DUW.

E6, NIUE Gavin, ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP during July. Operation on HF using CW, SSB, SSTV, digi and Satellite. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FG, GUADELOUPE Ronan, F4LJA will be QRV as FG/call from June 6 until June 12. Operation on HF using mainly FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/F4LJA>

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Matt, W2MJR will be operating as FP/call from October 21 until October 26. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included with an activity from POTA PM-0025. QSL via LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/FP/W2MJR>

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again (18th tour) be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. [FP/KV1J July 2026](https://www.qrz.com/db/FP/KV1J)

H44, SOLOMON ISL A team with 9A2NA, 9A3MR, 9A3CJY, 9A4WY, 9A7Y and DK8ZZ will be active from Guadalcanal as H49A between October 9 and October 21. Operation on HF and perhaps 6 metres. *'H49A callsign has been issued for our expedition, honoring 15 years of charity work of Croatian Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Buma, Malaita Island, OC-047. Our special callsign itself symbolises ties between Solomon islands and Croatia. Part of ham donations for the expedition will be redirected to charity work in the mission.'*

Guess the QSL



HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Kasimir, DL2SBY will once again be active as HB0/call from May 25 until May 31. Operation on HF with a focus on 6 metres. *'This activity is intended to test and fine-tune all my devices, laptops, and antennas for my activities from Zanzibar and the Seychelles.'* QSL via LoTW / homecall (direct).

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Chris, WA7RAR will be active as PJ4CB during his spare time between May 27 and June 8. Look for Chris from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and CW. Perhaps 10 metre FM simplex depending conditions. QSL via home call direct only.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northern-most DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

S7, SEYCHELLES Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be QRV as S79/call during September 11-21. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecall or LoTW.

S9, SAO TOME Francisco, CT7AKS will be active as S9R between October 17 and October 31. More to follow.

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Roger, EI8KN will be operating as V49B from Basseterre between May 13-21. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW, OQRS or direct via home call.

V5, NAMIBIA Eric, V5/N7XOB is travelling for a month (mid-May to mid-June) and will be active from various locations and grids. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



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VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Nobby, G0JVG will be operating as VP5G during June 17-30. Operation on HF and 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via M00XO.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most

Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL Look for ZL3IO as ZL7IO from May 25 until June 4. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included.

QSL preview



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

Arctic Legends Dxpedition

AS-050 Isachenko Isl July 23-26 as RI0BI

AS-055 Vize Isl July 12-16 as RI0BW

AS-057 Ugedineniya Isl July 18-21 as RI0BU

EU-160 Chaichiy Isl July 4-7 as RI1PC

A team with UA9KDF, R3CN, RA8CV, UA6EX, UA1QV and R8KAM will be operating from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW. <https://www.rt9k-club.ru/en/index.html#hero>

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime during November 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

EUROPE

EU-104 Sanguinaires Isl Antoine F5RAB and Gil F4FET will be QRV as TK5SI during July 20-21. This will be a micro-expedition for 2 days during daytime. QSL via F8GGV, LoTW and Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group
NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

NA-249 Vieques Isl A team will be active as KP3RE sometime February 2027. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

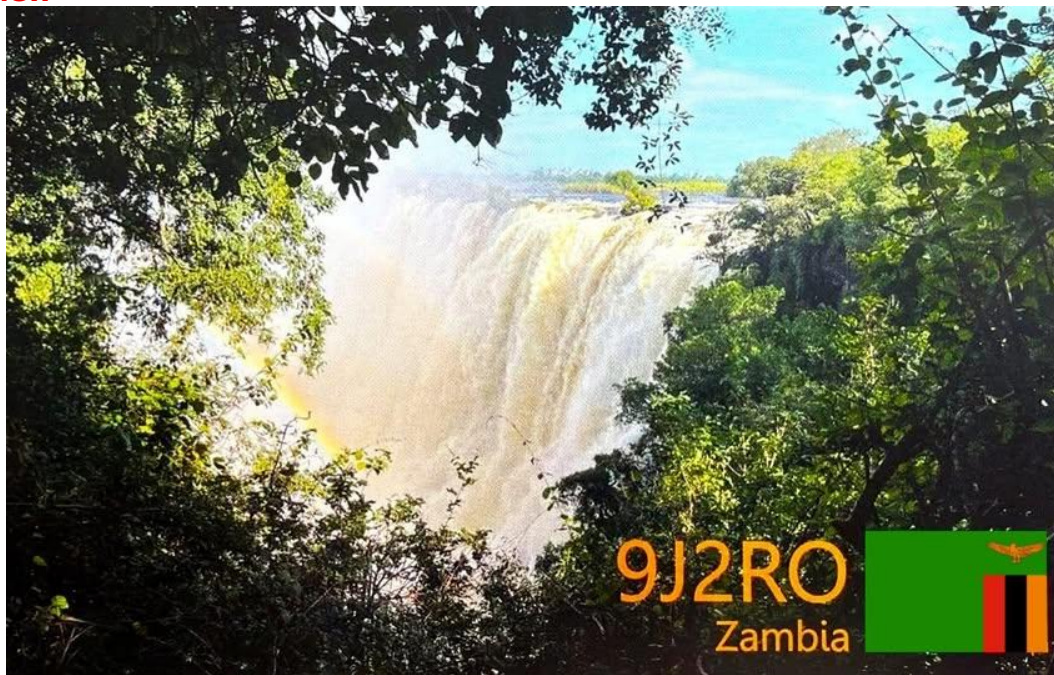
OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-019 Abrolhos Isl Renato, PY8WW informs: *we are currently coordinating with the Brazilian Navy, there is a strong possibility that a Brazilian team will be active from Abrolhos Island, SA-019, later this year, possibly in November. More details regarding callsigns, bands, and modes will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates, and we hope to work many of you from this beautiful IOTA location!*

SA-093 Tutumate Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HK4/call on May 9-15. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

QSL preview



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

BY, CHINA Ten stations (**B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA, B9CRA**) from across the country will be active on 3-5 May for the annual "5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival" on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC).

QSLs via LoTW. See <http://www.crac.org.cn/55> for the awards. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE On 27 March 1899, Guglielmo Marconi achieved the first international wireless transmission, sending Morse code signals between Wimereux (near Boulogne-sur-Mer), France, and the South Foreland Lighthouse in Dover, England. Commemorating this milestone in the history of telecommunications, the special event station **TM8DW** will be active from Wimereux on 25 April during the International Marconi Day, and sporadically until June. QSL via Club Log's . In addition, **GB2DOVER**, **GB2SFL** and **GB8DW** will be operated by the Dover Amateur Radio Club on the British side of the Channel. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Look for **IY0CG**, **IY0GA** (Sardinia), **IY0IMD**, **IY0MMR**, **IY0ORP**, **IY0TC**, **IY1MR**, **IY1SM**, **IY1SP**, **IY1TO**, **IY4FGM**, **IY5PIS**, **IY6GM**, and **IY7M** to be active during the International Marconi Day (25 April). IY0IMD (locator JN52VC) and IY7M (locator JN81KD) will operate also on QO- 100. QSL via operators' instructions. These stations are affiliated to the "Coordinamento Stazioni Marconiane Italiane" which gathers amateur radio stations operating from historic Marconi sites located in Italy (<https://csmi.altervista.org/wp/>) (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM **OT26EPIC** is the special callsign for the Antwerp Port Contest Club (ON8APC) to promote this year's edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 25 April and 25 May (the actual day the race will be held on). QSL via ON8JJ. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PG75HSC** is the special callsign for Theo, PA3HEN to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via home call, and LoTW. Also joining the celebrations is Artur, SP3LPR as 3Z75HSC (QSL via home call, direct or bureau). The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include 1400+ operators all over the world: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) are active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** until end 2026. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or

/m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DA26WARD is the special callsign for the DARC Team SES to promote World Amateur Radio Day between 1 March and 30 April. QSL via LoTW, DK5ON, and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). WARD is celebrated annually on 18 April, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT**, **DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA100LENZ** (special DOK SL100) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the German author Siegfried Lenz until the end of August. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DQ30GDXF is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdxf.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DM50GFS (special DOK 50GFS) commemorates the opening of the first German Antarctic station (Georg Forster) by the German Democratic Republic (GDR) in 1976. QRV from April to the end of July on HF, VHF and via QO-100. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), DCL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DA200GVN (special DOK 200GVN) celebrates the 200th anniversary of the polar explorer Georg von Neumayer from April until the end of July on HF, VHF and via QO-100. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), DCL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN A0750SJ is a special event station celebrating the 750th anniversary of Saint George patron saint of the city of Alcoy. Look for activity on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes on 6-26 April. See <https://ao750sj.ure.es/> for the award programme. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, paper cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE The radio club APRA Wingles (Pas de Calais) celebrates France's second female astronaut Sophie Adenot (KJ5LTN) with the callsign **TM62SA** until June. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM50KKR** from March until June (Saturdays only). (TNX DXNL)

G, ENGLAND GB50PUNK is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times during 2026 to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

HA, HUNGARY The Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ) will commemorate the 235th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Morse with nine special callsigns: **HA235MSE**, **HA235S**,

HA235A, HA235M, HA235U, HA235E, HA235L, HA235O and HA235R. Look for activity on CW and SSB on 17-27 April. See <https://mrasz.org/award-rules> for the award. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ488AM** (April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

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LZ, BULGARIA LZ75HSC is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE26M is the special callsign for the Club Amateur Radio ORF (CARO) in cooperation with Dokumentationsarchiv Funk (Dokufunk) to participate in this year's International Marconi Day (25 April). Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW, FT8/FT4. QSL via OE1XRW. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, members of the HF Committee and the Board of Directors of the UBA, Belgium's IARU society, will be active as **OO26WARD** throughout April. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PA40AC**, the historical minesweeper Hr.MS. Abraham Crijnssen during the Museum Ship Weekend 2026 on June 6-7. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8.

SP, POLAND Celebrating the 680th anniversary of the city of Bydgoszcz, members of the local radio club (SP2KKB) will be active as **HF680BY, HF680BD and HF680BG** on 1-30 April. See

<https://radiodyplom.pl/ses/205> for the award. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE SZ40A is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece (SZ1A) to celebrate "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio". Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from 1 March to 31 May. QSL via ON3UN. See <https://awards.sz1a.org> for the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA The following callsigns celebrate Gagarin's first flight into space 65 years ago: **R065A, R065C, R065L, R065N, R065O, R065S, R065X, R065Z, R065YG, R108YG, R1961YG, UE7YG, UE65YG, UE65YAG**. QRV from April 10 to 26. QSL for all via RQ7L. (TNX DXNL)

UR, UKRAINE EO80F draws attention to the 80th anniversary of the Palace of Children and Youth in Izmail. (TNX DXNL)

UR, UKRAINE EM100W and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA VX9P points out the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong during April. QSL via VE9CF, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA AX120AAC celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA YR100RC is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (18 March 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity between 16 March and 30 September. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YP1ZMR is the special callsign for the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day between 16 and 30 April. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YP1ZMR> for information about the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until end 2026. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100AA is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Auckland Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AA), which was formed alongside and as a branch to the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year. (TNX 425DX)

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